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PROGRAM

REF: A) CIES MEMORANDUM MAY 6, 1974; B) LOVECKY-
GILBERT LETTER JUNE 5, 1974

1. FOLLOWING POSITION-BY-POSITION LISTING OF INVITATIONS
FOR SUBJECT PROGRAM REPRESENTS BEST EMBASSY ASSESSMENT
CURRENT STATUS OF EACH BASED ON SEVERAL RECENT CONVERSATIONS
AT MINISTRY OF EDUCATION:

A) UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON, SEATTLE - DR. ARITON
VRACIU FOR 74-75 APPOINTMENT IN LANGUAGE AND
LITERATURE; STATUS: FIRM.

B) UCLA - FIRM ACCORDING TO REF B FOR GLIGOR
GRUITA.

C) PORTLAND STATE - APPRECIATE CIES CLARIFY PORTLAND
SITUATION AND INFORM EMBASSY SOONEST REGARDING
CONSTANTIN FRINCUI WHO IS AVAILABLE FOR THIS
PLACEMENT.

D) UNIVERSITY OF KANSAS AND UNIVERSITY OF UTAH -
MINISTRY IS PRESENTLY IN PROCESS OF DETERMINING
AVAILABILITY OF BOTH SOLOMON MARCUS AND PAUL
PETRESCU. EMBASSY HAS DETERMINED UNOFFICIALLY
THAT BOTH ARE EAGER TO TAKE ADVANTAGE
OF U.S. OPPORTUNITIES BUT MUST AWAIT RESULTS OF
MINISTRY CLEARANCE PROCESS. EMBASSY HAS BEEN
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INFORMED THAT THIS PROCESS WILL TAKE FOUR WEEKS

BUT THAT PROGONOSIS IS "POSITIVE".

E) UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON, SEATTLE (PERFORMING FOLD MUSICIANS) - PROPOSAL "TO HIRE TWO ROMANIAN MUSICIANS" NOT APPROPRIATE TO U.S.-ROMANIAN FULBRIGHT LECTURER EXCHANGE PROGRAM AND SHOULD BE CONSIDERED DEAD ISSUE. WHEN MUSIC DEPARTMENT AT SEATTLE CAN FULLY FUND POSITION OR POSITIONS UNDER THIS CONCEPT, EMBASSY FEELS CERTAIN THAT APPROPRIATE ROMANIAN MINISTRY (OR COUNCIL FOR SOCIALIST CULTURE AND EDUCATION) WOULD BE WILLING TO DISCUSS PROPOSAL.

F) UNIVERSITY OF ROCHESTER - MIHAI ZDRENGHEA IS NOT AVAILABLE FOR PARTICIPATION. PROFESSOR CARLETON --WHO IS STILL IN ROMANIA--HAS BEEN ADVISED TO MEET WITH OTHER MINISTRY NOMINEES TO DETERMINE IF ANY SUITABLE ALTERNATE EXISTS. SO FAR, NO LUCK. STATUS: DOUBTFUL.

G) UNIVERSITY OF INDIANA - MATEI CALINESCU, SUBJECT, SEPT. NO NOMINEES WILL BE FORTHCOMING FOR ETHNOMUSICOLOGIST/FLOKLORE OFFERS. MINISTRY HAS NO CANDIDATES WHICH MEET INDIANA QUALIFICATIONS.

H) UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS - APPRECIATE DEPARTMENT ADVISE ILLINOIS THAT SEVER TRIFU IS NOT--REPEAT NOT--AVAILABLE FOR PARTICIPATION IN 1974-75 PROGRAM. ADVISE IF ILLINOIS INTERESTED IN LIVIU MAIOR NOW AT MICHIGAN. THIS WOULD SEEM TO BE MOST EFFICIENT SOLUTION FOR ILLINOIS-CLUJ EXCHANGE.

I) ACADEMY OF ECONOMIC STUDIES - BOTH EMBASSY AND MINISTRY EXPECT NOMINATION FROM DOLGU FOR COMBINATION RESEARCH/LECTURER GRANT AS PREVIOUSLY DISCUSSED. BALL IS IN ROMANIAN COURT ON THIS ONE.

J) UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN - MINISTRY HAS BEEN ADVISED OF POP WINTER QUARTER INVITATION. ASSUME MICHIGAN HAS NOT BEEN ATTRACTED TO OTHER MINISTRY NOMINEES FOR TWO ADDITIONAL QUARTERS IN LANGUAGE AND LITERATURE. ADVISE STATUS.

2. UNPROMISING SITUATION REGARDING 1974-75 ROMANIAN UNCLASSIFIED

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LECTURERS RESULTS, AS DEPARTMENT AND CIES ARE AWARE, FROM COMBINATION OF FACTORS INCLUDING FUNDING PROBLEMS AT U.S. UNIVERSITIES. DEPARTMENT SHOULD BE AWARE OF ROMANIAN POINT OF VIEW THIS MATTER, HOWEVER. MINISTRY PRESENTED THEIR 1974-75 NOMINATIONS FEBRUARY 6 IN ROUTINE FASHION BASED ON PROCEDURES PRACTICED IN RECENT YEARS. IN MAY U.S. SAID PRESENTED OUR RESPONSES WHICH WOULD TAKE THE FORM OF AMERICAN POSITIONS AVAILABLE

IN THE MAJORITY OF CASES ONLY
FOR SPECIFIC ROMANIAN SCHOLARS (ZDRENGHEA, TRIFU, MARCUS,
PETRESCU, ET. AL.). THIS HAD NOT BEEN PAST PRACTICE HERE
AND HAS CAUGHT MINISTRY BY SURPRISE ALTHOUGH THEY FULLY
UNDERSTAND REASONS. THUS, DELAYS SUCH AS IN MARCUS AND
PETRESCU CASES ARE NECESSARY. QUITE OBVIOUSLY, PAST
NOMINATION METHODS ARE NOT LONGER APPROPRIATE AND WILL
NEED TO BE REVISED FOR 1975-76. IT WOULD NOT BE SURPRISING
OF COURSE, FOR ROMANIANS TO REQUEST SPECIFIC AMERICAN
SCHOLARS FOR U.S. FULBRIGHT POSITIONS IN ROMANIA
FOR THE NEXT ACADEMIC YEAR.

3. IN SPITE OF DIFFICULTIES, BOTH MINISTRY AND EMBASSY
APPRECIATE CURRENT EFFORTS OF CIES TO LOCATE POSITIONS
FOR ROMANIAN LECTURERS. EMBASSY WILL CONTINUE DO WHAT
WE CAN TO FACILITATE POSITIVE RESPONSES ON OUTSTANDING
QUESTIONS.
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